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**Manufacturing Facilities Using Process Time Lines** 

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/30);
- 2. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115;
- 3. One (1) return postcard; and
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